# QUIZ CHAPTERS 1-4 One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest Theme of Freedom and Confinement

The novel’s protagonist chafes at being locked up in a mental institution, but most of the patients are there voluntarily because they find freedom and safety in being confined. The world is divided into the world inside the asylum (confined) and the world Outside (freedom). But even the world inside the mental ward is divided into freedom and confinement. Though many of the men want to be in the mental institution, they still want to enjoy certain freedoms and they struggle with the way they’re treated—how they can be sent to the Disturbed Ward or for electroshock therapy or to Seclusion simply for asking that they be allowed to keep their own cigarettes.

*Find three examples in the book that shows the patients* ***find freedom and safety*** *in being* ***confined****.   
1*

*2*

*3*

*Find three examples that show how limited and confining the asylum is.   
1*

*2*

*3*

**Questions About Freedom and Confinement**

1. Find an example from the book that shows confinement is state of mind in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*? Explain.
2. Find an example from the book of patient fighting for freedom.
3. Find an example of what freedom means in the book.
4. What does Nurse Ratched value more than freedom?
5. What are the consequences of confinement? What are the benefits?

**Chew on This**

TRUE OR FALSE  
*Although McMurphy sees confinement as a curtailing of his freedom, most of the patients find safety and freedom in being locked up in the asylum ward.*

EXPLAIN.

http://www.shmoop.com/one-flew-over-cuckoos-nest/freedom-confinement-theme.html